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§2–908.

(a) (1) The Collaborative shall direct the establishment of Rural Health Complexes by:

(i) Assessing the needs of communities in the mid–shore region that lack access to essential community–based primary care, behavioral health, specialty care, or dental care services;

(ii) Identifying care delivery models that have the potential to reduce deficits in care; and

(iii) Convening health and hospital systems, community organizations, and local stakeholders to build consensus on the appropriate scale of a Rural Health Complex.

(2) (i) The Secretary shall approve a Rural Health Complex:

1. Recommended by the Collaborative by a majority of a quorum of the Collaborative present and voting;

2. That meets the standards and criteria established by the Collaborative for a Rural Health Complex; and

3. If the Rural Health Complex demonstrates that it meets the standards and criteria established by the Collaborative.

(ii) A complex that fails to meet the standards and criteria established by the Collaborative shall relinquish its designation as a complex.

(3) On or before December 1, 2020, the Collaborative shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the standards and criteria that a community must meet to establish a Rural Health Complex before the Collaborative approves a Rural Health Complex.

(b) On or before December 1, 2021, and December 1 each year thereafter, the Collaborative shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on its activities regarding health care delivery in the mid–shore region, including:

- (1) The number of Rural Health Complexes approved;
- (2) The effect that each Rural Health Complex had on the health status of the overall population and the vulnerable population in its community; and
- (3) The effect that Rural Health Complexes have had on the available community-based health care resources in communities where complexes have been established.

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